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10 Examiner: Chi Ho A. Lee

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In response to the outstanding Final Office Action, dated January 13, 2003, Applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

30 The present application was filed on January 29, 1999 with claims 1 through 16. Claims 1 through 16 are presently pending in the above-identified patent application.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1 through 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Moteki et al. (United States Patent Number 5,960,005).

35 The present invention is directed to an application module interface that allows one or more modules to access voice or data channels in a private branch exchange (PBX) environment that contains one or more B channels (bearer channels) for transmitting voice or data signals, and one or more D channels (signaling channel) for transmitting data. The application module interface provides a control channel that allows a module to obtain and vary the status and configuration of a telephone terminal. The application module interface provides access to both directions of two B channels (B1



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Submitted herewith is a Response to Final Office Action relating to the above-identified patent application. There is no additional claim fee due in connection with the Response. In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit **Avaya Inc. Deposit Account No. 50-1602** as required to correct the error. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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